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## PREFACE

During the Second World War the German Signal Intelligence Control Center of the Staff of the Chief of Army Signal Service (HNW, LNA) issued a series of reports to show the USSR military-economic situation as reflected in Russian internal plain language traffic. These reports appeared at short, irregular intervals, usually six per month, for the period October 1942-March 1943. Eighty-two of these reports have been translated and issued by [REDACTED] FOIA b2

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10 October 1943

The Soviet Union

Military-Economic Report 3/10

(Based on Domestic Radio Traffic)

1. PERSONNEL SITUATION

(1) A large number of technical students from the cities of the North Caucasus will be moved to jobs in the Donbass. The following numbers have been sent up to the present time:

Gudermes	1,050 men
Groznyj	840 men
Derbent	1,050 men
Makhachkala	1,890 men
Prokhladnaya	840 men
Mineralnye-Vody	1,050 men
Nevinnomysskaya	1,050 men

(2) As of 24 September the number of personnel at the Tkvibuli colleries came to 2,046 workers.

(3) The Baku Technical School requested a new program in Moscow for military education of girls which includes a plan offering desired foreign languages.

(4) In the Rostov Oblast' 3 children's homes for every 100 persons and 2 nurseries for every 750 persons will be opened in the near future.

2. FOOD SITUATION

(5) In the Chardzhou Rajon by the landing place of Frolov a shipment of 2,500 head of cattle for the liberated areas is being greatly delayed.

(6) According to an order of 15 September from the Council of Ministers, provisions for students of technical and trade schools correspond to the provisions established for industrial and transport workers.

The rations amount to:

Meat or fish	1,800 grams monthly
Fat	400 grams monthly
Groats or macaroni	1,200 grams monthly
Sugar or sweets	400 grams monthly
Bread	600 grams daily

(7) The bread ration in the liberated oblasts is fixed at 500 grams per day.

(8) In the Makhachkala Oblast the harvest of 73,000 hectares had not yet been threshed by 15 September. Only 49% of the grain procurement has been fulfilled.

(9) Baku will ship 1,000 tons of fish, including 10 carloads for Tiflis Fish Supply.

(10) On 24 September Grain Procurement in Baku had the following quantities ready for shipment:

Flour	1,746 tons
Beans	5,890 tons
Groats	354 tons

(11) The border troops of the NKVD in Erevan received only 700 tons of hay instead of 2000 tons because of short supply.

(12) The Union Republic of Armenia is ready to procure 1,050 tons of macaroni and 3,000 tons of meat in the fourth quarter. The latter is based on the assumption that 2,700 tons of livestock and 100 tons of animal fat will be supplied.

(13) In Erevan as of 20 September the following quantities of grain were on hand:

Grain Procurement

Flour	2,481 tons
Groats	640 tons
Rye	2 tons
Wheat	495 tons
Barley	571 tons
Oats	12 tons
Other grains	2,159 tons

Mill Combine

Flour	1,588 tons
Groats	2 tons
Wheat	3,155 tons
Barley	4,591 tons
Other grains	624 tons

Bakeries

Flour	111 tons
Groats	10 tons
Beans	12 tons

(14) Zakug (unidentified), Iransovtrans, announced the following imports during the first 20 days of September:

Rice	8 tons
Flaxseed	165 tons

(15) The troops in Iran will be supplied with:

Rice	83 tons
Beans	5 tons
Butter	7 tons

#### REQUIREMENT.

(16) The Baku cannery "Ordubadsk" requested 1 carload of tomato pulp for production purposes.

#### AUTHORIZATIONS

	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(17)	Maliobek Food Combine	52 tons	Barley meal	Moscow Grain Procurement	for October
(18)	Azerbajdzhan Technical Oil Supply	65 tons	Vegetable oil	Moscow Grain Procurement	for October
(19)	Omsk Water Transport Base	10 head	Cattle	A Sovkhoz of the Lower Irtysh Steamship Agency	for October
(20)	"	10 head	Calves	"	for October
(21)	Arkhangelsk	1 carload	Wine	Erevan, Trust "Ararat"	for October
(22)	Kujbyshev	1 carload	Wine	"	for October
(23)	Murmansk	1 carload	Wine	"	for October
(24)	Novosibirsk	1 carload	Wine	"	for October
(25)	Saratov	1 carload	Wine	"	for October
(26)	Sverdlovsk	2 carloads	Wine	"	for October
(27)	Chita	1 carload	Wine	"	for October
(28)	Astrakhan NKRF	135,000 rubles	Tobacco	"	for October

#### 3. METAL SUPPLY

(29) The Donbass Coal Combines gathered 8,000 tons of scrap metal in the third quarter of the year. 4,400 tons were shipped. Freight cars are not available for the remainder.

(30) Kabardino-Balkar Republic has procured 2,000 tons of scrap metal, by 15 September, including 1,087 tons already shipped.

(31) The Tiflis Copper Rolling Plant produced 18 tons of copper products during the second ten-day period of September. The number of workers totalled 38 men.

#### REQUIREMENTS

	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(32)	Baku, NK for Light Industry	20 tons	Iron	Baku Metal Sales	For the building of a factory.
(33)	Tiflis, Copper Rolling Plant	20 tons	Iron	Moscow (?) "Vostokstal"	Work has stopped because of a material shortage.
(34)	Baku	70 tons	Untested metal	Moscow Metal Sales	For the 3rd quarter of the year.
(35)	"Ingur" Paper Combine	20 tons	Cast iron	Tula Metallurgical Plant "Kosogorsk"	"
(36)	Baku	100 tons	Section iron	NK for Merchant Fleet	For reconstruction work
(37)	Baku, NK for Light Industry	8 tons	Girders	Baku, Metal Sales	For the building of a factory.
(38)	Baku, NK for Light Industry	10 tons	Plate	Baku, Metal Sales	"
(39)	"	16 tons	Roofing sheet	"	"
(40)	Baku	20 tons	Steel hawsers	NK for Merchant Fleet	For reconstruction work.
(41)	Baku	6 tons	Cable	"	"

#### AUTHORIZATIONS

(42)	NK for Aviation Industry	7.5 tons	Scrap iron	Erevan	Delivery to 15 September
(43)	Kujbyshev-NKRF	60 tons	Scrap iron	Magnitogorsk	"
(44)	Tiflis, C. D. of Metal Sales	105 tons	iron	Beloretsk and Verkhne-Uralsk	For 3rd quarter year.
(45)	Kirov Tank Supply Works	18 tons	Imported steel	Baku Tank Supply---	
(46)	Chelyabinsk, a plant	18	Imported steel	"	---
(47)	"Komintern" Works	20 tons	Imported steel	"	---
(48)	Balakov-NKRF	800 tons	Cast iron	---	For first ten days of October
(49)	Semipalatinsk-NKRF	16.5 tons	Untested profile iron	---	---
(50)	Kujbyshev-NKRF	60 tons	Untested sheet	Magnitogorsk	To 15 December
(51)	Moscow, North Harbor	20 tons	Roofing sheet	Molotov-NKRF	---
(52)	Gorkij Upper Volga Steamship Agency	30 tons	Roofing sheet	"	---
(53)	Astrakhan "Volga-tanker"	300 m.	Steel	---	---
(54)	Gurev, Oil Supply of Kazakhstan	3500	Cable Oil drill	Nebit-Dag, Turkmen Oil Indus-try	---

	Consignee	Quantity	Type	Consignor	Remarks
(55)	Gorkij, Kaganovich Works	51	Saw	Moscow	---
(56)	Ulyanovsk	405 tons	Lead	Baku, Non-ferrous Metal Supply	---
(57)	Blagoveshchensk, Bashkir Machine Factory	3	Zinc	Azerbajdzhan Technical Oil Supply	---

#### DELIVERIES

(58)	Martinov (?)	7041 t	Iron	Ashkhabad	To 25 December
(59)	Novo-Kuznetsk	694	Iron	Ashkhabad	To 25 December
(60)	Zlatoust	18	Iron	Ashkhabad	To 25 December
(61)	NK for Railroads	80	Iron	Ashkhabad	To 25 December
(62)	NK for Inland Navigation	34	Iron	Ashkhabad	To 25 December
(63)	Tashkent	1380	Iron	Ashkhabad	To 25 December
(64)	Plant 708	260	Iron	Ashkhabad	To 25 December
(65)	Plant 702	65	Iron	Ashkhabad	To 25 December
(66)	Martinov (?)	127	Iron filings	Ashkhabad	To 25 December
(67)	Novo-Kuznetsk	110	Iron filings	Ashkhabad	To 25 December
(68)	Martinov (?)	278 tons	Cast iron	Ashkhabad	To 25 December
(69)	NK for Railroads	83	Cast iron	Ashkhabad	To 25 December
(70)	Ordzhonikidze	10	Cast iron	Ashkhabad	To 25 December
(71)	Inland Navigation	14	Cast iron	Ashkhabad	To 25 December
(72)	Plant 702	78	Cast iron	Ashkhabad	To 25 December
(73)	Nizhne Tagil	20	Steel	Baku, Tank Supply	On 23 September
(74)	Beslan	25.7	Steel	---	---
(75)	Beslan	11.9	Steel sheet	---	---
(76)	Astrakhan NKRF	50	1-2 mm im-ported steel	---	---
(77)	Stalingrad Lower Volga Steamship Agency	10	"	Astrakhan NKRF	---
(78)	Ordzhonikidze	6.1	Brass	---	---

#### 4. TEXTILE SUPPLY

(79) Ashkhabad Silk Industry had unwound 3.7 tons silk cocoons (in raw weight)

up to 20 September. The balance amounted to 0.86 tons.

(80) In Baku harbor, due to prolonged bad weather, all the cotton in the amount of

350 tons was spoiled.

(81) Rostov Oblast' Industry Supply received only 4,428 meters of the cotton cloth

from the 3rd quarter-year allotment of 22,000 meters from C.D. of Textile Sales. The pro-duction of students' clothing will therefore be behind schedule.

(82) Arkhangelsk-NKRF is assigned the task of getting the following clothing deliver-

ies for the third quarter from the following suppliers immediately:

	<u>Stockings</u>	<u>Leather Shoes</u>	<u>Felt Boots</u>
From Arkhangelsk	5,000 - Rbl.	14,000 - Rbl.	30,000 Pairs
From Vologda	4,000 -Rbl.	5,000 - Rbl.	75,000 Pairs
From Komi	2,000 - Rbl.	3,000 - Rbl.	-----

(83) Kirov NKRF and Molotov NKRF each received the order to manufacture 2,500

pairs of felt boots.

(84) The Domestic Industry Supply of Dagestan in Makhachkala, at the beginning of the third quarter year, received 120,474 meters of yarn and 15,297 spools of cotton thread. At the Military Laundry 24,269 shirts and 26,813 pants were manufactured and 20,000 pieces of linen were assembled for delivery.

(85) At the Fish Enterprise in Taganrog a large number of fishermen could not be employed for lack of nets. An allotment of 3 tons of net material is needed.

(86) The authorities of the NK for Procurement in Rostov received the order for the procurement in the third quarter of 13,000 large hides, 70,000 small hides and 1,000 pig skins. For the Red Army the following wool and winter clothing will be assembled:

In Baku, Finance Authorities to 1 September:

Socks	255 Pairs
Mittens	196 Pairs
Gloves	109 Pairs
Trousers	171 Pairs

In Erevan, Central-Committee, to 25 September:

Woolen stockings	54,819 Pairs
Woolen gloves	42,114 Pairs

In Rostov, Oblast' Party-Committee, to 10 September:

Mittens	6,181 Pairs
Socks	7,210 Pairs
Wool	2,774 kg.

In Tiflis from 1 July to 15 September:

	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Delivered to the Camp of the VK for Defense</u>
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Woolen gloves	70,844 pairs	46,568 prs.
Woolen socks	71,170 pairs	46,575 prs.
Warm underclothes	881 pieces	881 prs.
Wool	7,456 kg.	-----
Sheepskins	1,402 pieces	-----

#### AUTHORIZATIONS

	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(87)	Ulan-Ude NKRF	5.1 tons	Wool	Molotov	For manufacture of felt boots

	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(88)	Ulan-Ude NKRF	5.2 tons	Wool	Kirov	For manufacture of felt boots
(89)	Rostov/Don	65	Oakum	Moscow	For second ten day period of September
(90)	Erevan, Flour Combine	3	Jute	Baku, C.D. for Flour Sales	---
(91)	Irkutsk-NKRF	100 pairs	Felt boots	Saratov NKRF	---
(92)	Tiflis, Georgia, NK for Textiles	4 r.r. cars	Yarn	Moscow	---
(93)	"	10 tons	Yarn	Moscow	---
(94)	Rostov/Don Wholesale Trade for Industrial Products	4. r.r. cars	Cotton-wool	---	For October
(95)	Rostov/Don Trade with Industrial Products	2 r.r. cars	Cotton-wool	---	For October
(96)	Rostov/Don Directorate for Local Trade Organizations	2 r.r. cars	Cotton-wool	---	For October
(97)	Shakhty, "Rostov Coal"	2 r.r. cars	Cotton-wool	----	For October
(98)	Leninakan "Maiskoje Vostanie" Works	308 tons	Cotton thread	Erevan	Shipped 28 Sept.
(99)	Baku, NKVD	44,000 meters	Uniform material	"Iransovtrans"	To 1 September
(100)	Sverdlovsk Tank Supply	1,075 packs	Fur pelts	Baku	22 September

#### 5. PRODUCTION SITUATION

(101) The Middle-Volga-Steamship Agency in Kujbyshev, the Kama-Steamship

Agency i/n Molotov have been granted the following budgets for the winter repairs:

Middle-Volga-Steamship Agency:

For wharves	650,000 Rubles
For the 4th quarter-year	170,000 Rubles
For mechanical projects	230,000 Rubles
For the 4th quarter-year	100,000 Rubles

Kama-Steamship Agency:

For wharves	550,000 Rubles
For the 4th quarter-year	200,000 Rubles
For mechanical projects	230,000 Rubles
For the 4th quarter-year	100,000 Rubles

Uralsk-NKRF has been authorized the following domestic plan for the 4th quarter-year:

	<u>4th quarter-year:</u>	<u>October:</u>
General overhauling	65,000 Rubles	30,000 Rubles
Minor repairs	275,000 Rubles	20,000 Rubles
Remaining work	170,000 Rubles	60,000 Rubles
Incidental orders	165,000 Rubles	50,000 Rubles

(102) From the NKRF Works in Saratov the production plan for the fourth quarter-year

was fixed at 2,100,000 Rubles. Moreover, production will be 350,000 rubles above plan to make up for the small production in the preceding month.

(103) The Mikheev Shipyard in Kujbyshev Oblast' built a 600 ton tug-boat. The cost was 120,600 rubles.

(104) Kujbyshev-NKRF received permission to convert a ship from coal-to oil-burning. This change will be considered only as a temporary measure.

(105) As Groznyj reported on 20 September the construction work was delayed by the lack of 500 meters moisture-proof electric welding wire, 600 meters tubing for oxygen cutting-torch, 300 meters for acetylene cutting-torch, 100 meters for benzol cutting-torch, and locksmith supplies.

(106) The Chief Directorate of Coal Supply in Rostov requires 50 r.r. cars of cement to the Cement Works in Anvrosievka.

(107) The Machine Tool Factory in Tiflis is idle due to deficiency of magnesite ore and magnesite powder. No fireproof materials arrived in the 2nd and 3rd quarters. The factory ordered from the Zestafoni Cast Iron Works:

80 tons	Dinas brick
30 tons	Magnesite ore
840 tons	Magnesite powder
and monthly 20 tons	Silicon-iron.

(108) On 26 and 28 September Plant 42 in Erevan shipped 1270 tons of rubber in 73 cars in 2 trains. They were destined for a truck factory in Privol'she in Yaroslavl Oblast'.

(109) From Erevan in September, 36 r.r. cars of natural rubber were shipped to Plant 736 in Baku.

(110) The following plants were newly noted:

<u>Plant</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
13	Kujbyshev	Metal Works
19	Bakharevka	--
73	Stalino	NK for Munitions
192	Kamyshlov (125 km E. of Sverdlovsk)	
647	Saratov	NK for Electric Industry
761	Usolsk	
"Pobeda" Works	Groznyj (?)	
"Raketa" Works	Leningrad	

### 6. TRANSPORTATION BASE

(111) For the grain-transport, for Krasnodar Oblast', 6,590 railroad cars (218 cars daily) were expected in September. But up to 20 September there were only 1,023 cars furnished, 536 of which were furnished by 15 September. The average furnished daily thereby falls short by 36 cars by 15 September and 51 cars by 20 September. In the period from 20-25 September there were an additional 751 cars, so that in all, up to 25 September only 1,785 cars were furnished; i.e., 27% of the plan.

(112) In Baku harbor on 22 September, 112 cars were shipped with import freight:

Brass	9 cars
Steel	6 cars
Steel strip	8 cars
Wire	3 cars
Tire accessories	2 cars
Railway axles	4 cars
Munitions	48 cars
Beans	32 cars

On 24 September 66 cars with

Brass	10 cars
Steel	1 car
Steel springs	3 cars
Zinc wire	5 cars
Caustic soda	2 cars
Gasoline	10 cars
Explosives	7 cars
Munitions	27 cars
Other freight	1 car

On 25 September, 96 cars, with

Brass	6 cars
Steel	13 cars
Steel sheet	1 car
Steel strip	7 cars
Profile steel	6 cars
Sheet iron	4 cars
Hoop steel	1 cars
Wire	2 cars
100% octane-gasoline	6 cars
Armored amphibious landing-craft	10 cars
Munitions	38 cars
Other freight	2 cars

(113) In the fourth quarter, there passed through these NKRF Offices the following

amounts of freight:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Freight</u>	<u>Loaded by Mechanical</u> <u>Means</u>	<u>Loaded by Transport</u> <u>workers</u>
Molotov-NKRF	217, 000 tons	119, 000 tons	98, 000 tons

Ufa-NKRF	35,000 tons	20,800	1,420
Kirov-NKRF	24,000	790	1,810

(114) The daily norm of railroad cars furnished for Stalingrad-NKRF amounts to

6 cars. They are being furnished by the Stalingrad Railway.

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